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**INTERIM GUIDELINES FOR THE SYSTEMATIC  
APPLICATION OF THE GRANDFATHER CLAUSES**

1 The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC), at its sixty-sixth session (28 May to 6 June 1996), approved and the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC), at its thirty-eighth session (1 to 10 July 1996), endorsed the Interim Guidelines for the systematic application of the grandfather clauses, as set out in the annex.

2 The MSC and MEPC agreed that the Interim Guidelines should be applied on a case-by-case trial basis when constructional requirements are proposed for new ships so that experience can be gained from their application and necessary modifications can be made to them when the need arises.

3 Member Governments are invited to make use of the Interim Guidelines when considering, at the meetings of relevant IMO bodies, proposals for new requirements or amendments to existing requirements for new ships and determining to what extent they should apply to existing ships, and are also encouraged, when proposing measures for new ships, to simultaneously submit possible measures for existing ships together with data that would facilitate the application of the Interim Guidelines.

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